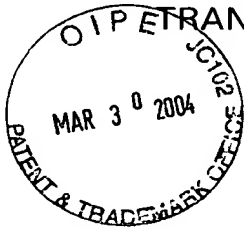


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REQUEST
for
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)



Application No.	09/815,981
Confirmation No.	7622
Customer No.	20985
Filing Date	March 22, 2001
First Named Inventor	de Jong <i>et al.</i>
Group Art Unit	1636
Examiner	Sullivan, D.
Attorney Docket No.	24601-416B

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 of the above-identified application

1. ☒ Submission required under 37 C.F.R. §1.114

a. ☐ Previously submitted

- i. ☐ Consider the amendment/reply under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 previously filed on _____.
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____.
- iii. ☐ Other _____

b. ☒ Enclosed

- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply - Preliminary Amendment
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☒ Information Disclosure Statement, PTO-1449, copies of citations
- iv. ☒ Other - Change of Correspondence Address; and Return Receipt Postcard

2. ☐ Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. §1.103(c) for a period of _____ months.
- b. ☐ Other 04/02/2004 AWONDAF1 00000086 09815981

3. ☒ Fees

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- a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees, including the following fees, or credit any overpayment(s), to Deposit Account No. 06-1050.

- i. ☒ RCE Fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) - \$385 for Small Entity
- ii. ☒ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17) - \$475.00
- iii. ☒ Other: Information Disclosure Fees under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16-1.17 - \$180.00

- b. ☒ Checks in the amount of \$860.00 and \$180.00 are enclosed
- c. ☐ Payment by credit card (form PTO-2038 enclosed)

Signature of Applicant, Attorney or Agent Required

Typed or printed name	Stephanie L. Seidman	Reg. Number	33,779
Signature		Date	03/30/04
		Deposit Account	06-1050

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Typed or printed name	Mark T. Hernandez	Date	03/30/2004
Signature			